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GREGG COUNTY MEN ADMIT TO DEALING METH

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that two Gregg County men have pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **REESE MCPHERSON**, 36, of Kilgore, and **RICARDO PEREZ, II**, 27, of Longview both admitted to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine before United States Magistrate Judge John Love today.

"This investigation stresses the commitment of our federal, state and local law enforcement to work together and rid our communities of those who sell poison to our children," said U.S. Attorney Orwig.

According to information presented in court, an investigation began in January 2003 into the distribution of "ice" methamphetamine in East Texas. During this time, the investigation resulted in the arrest of 20 individuals. A 36-count indictment was returned in May 2005.

McPherson and Perez each face up to 40 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$2 million at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Gregg County Sheriff's Office, and the Gregg County CODE Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard L.

Moore and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lance Larison.

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